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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT EXTENSION
AWARD SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT 2
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Supplemental Agreement 2 to Contract PW12218 with CH2MHill to provide additional construction, operation, and maintenance support for the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project Extension for a not to exceed fee of \$225,600 to be financed by the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Flood Control District budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a supplemental agreement with CH2MHill to conduct additional construction, operation, and maintenance support for the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project Extension. The Dominguez Gap Barrier Project consists of a series of injection wells along the coast that inject fresh water into the groundwater basin to halt seawater intrusion into the basin. The Dominguez Gap Barrier Project Extension is intended to close off seawater intrusion past the northeast end of the existing barrier facilities. The extension includes approximately 7,000 feet of water, air supply and disposal pipelines, 33 injection wells, and 11 observation wells.

On September 19, 2000, your Board approved a service agreement with CH2MHill in the amount of \$459,297 to provide engineering design and construction support services for the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project Extension. A supplemental agreement was previously executed under the authority delegated to the Director of Public Works to perform additional design services for the well automation system and pipelines.

During the course of construction, Public Works determined that changes to the scope of work are required to continue to provide support during the remaining construction of the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project Extension, avoid delays, and assist with the initial operation of the completed system. Your Board's approval of the recommended action will facilitate the continuation of construction, operation, and maintenance support services needed for successful completion of the ongoing construction.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness since it will allow efficient and effective use of consultants to provide engineering services as these special expertise services are required on complex projects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

A supplemental agreement for this project was previously executed under the authority delegated to the Director of Public Works, which increased the not to exceed contract amount from \$459,297 to \$501,891. The recommended Supplemental Agreement No. 2 for this project is for a not to exceed fee of \$225,600. This necessary work will increase the base consulting fee from \$501,891 to \$727,491.

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for these services is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Flood Control District budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard supplemental agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for termination of services, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for awarding a supplemental consultant services agreement. Any project that may be proposed as a result of these services will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On September 19, 2000, your Board awarded Contract No. PW12218 with CH2MHill to provide engineering design and construction support services for the Dominguez Gap Barrier Project Extension for a not to exceed fee of \$459,297. CH2MHill has agreed to provide additional services for a total not to exceed fee of \$225,600. The negotiated fee has been reviewed by Public Works and is considered reasonable for the scope of work.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel